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10 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of PSB Alternates on 9 November 1951

The following is a summary of the PSB Alternates Meeting on Friday, 9 November:

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1. Plan [REDACTED] was discussed. The principal discussion revolved about a recommendation by the JCS that the word, "overt," be inserted as the first word in paragraph 6 and 7. Finally determined that these two paragraphs would be recast by the PSB and distributed Tuesday afternoon to the Agencies. JCS recommended deletion of paragraphs B and C of 11. Acceptable to CIA provided the word, "guidance," in paragraph A, preceding, was broadened to include instructions or discussion. Mr. [REDACTED] commented upon the loose use of the word, "guidance," throughout the paper. A revised version of paragraph 11 will, therefore, be distributed on Tuesday to the Agencies and Departments.

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The JCS and Defense representatives felt very strongly that the whole matter should be referred to the JCS for formal comment to the Secretary of Defense. Mr. [REDACTED] pointed out that this paper is not, by any means, a stranger to the JCS, and that it should be presented to the PSB members, at which time Mr. [REDACTED] could decline Defense concurrence until the JCS had submitted their formal comments. If accomplished as a matter of priority, it would take approximately ten days to secure such comment. The view of Mr. [REDACTED] was that this is an internal matter within the Department of Defense, and that because of the long delays in bringing this paper to conclusion, efforts should be made to have it formally considered by the PSB. Mr. [REDACTED] felt that early agreement was necessary and that the whole provision was flexible enough that after operational planning was initiated and certain bugs appeared they could be ironed out or the paper revised and amended. This same view had been urged upon Mr. Dulles at the preliminary briefing by the undersigned.

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2. [REDACTED] agreed to by all present as being acceptable; however, General [REDACTED] desired to add a task under objective two on page 5. This will be distributed on Tuesday.

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3. Mr. [REDACTED] called attention to the document of 29 August 1951, "Appraisal of Capabilities for Psychological Operations in Department of Defense." Without any force of direction he had invited the attention of State and CIA to this proposal and thought that similar type of surveys

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might be developed within the other Departments. Defense reported that it might not be applicable to other Departments because they had peculiar internal systems with three different services operating within defense structure. (This is worthy of follow-up, which P & P group of PY Division will investigate.)

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4. Mr. [REDACTED] thought it might be appropriate for the PSB to take a look at the size of overt psychological operations which are being expanded under NSC 114. It is, in essence, a scope and pace plan for State. Will confer separately with Mr. [REDACTED] on this matter.

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5. Mr. [REDACTED] brought up the matter of policy clearance on major speeches, indicating that there still appears to be lack of coordination by high-placed U.S. officials. Referred particularly to General Bradley's speech calling for increased air power on the day following the President's national broadcast calling for UN disarmament. The matter creates a confused situation.

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